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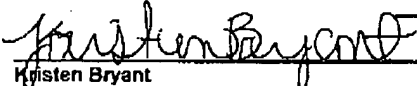
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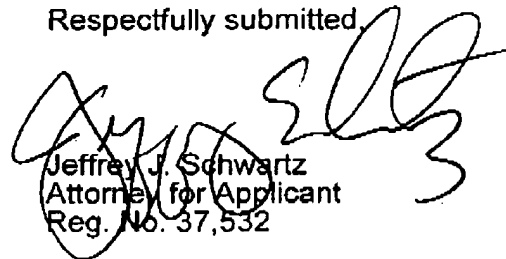
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It is respectfully requested that the filing date be changed to November 11, 2003. In addition, the undersigned attorney requests that any fees charged in connection with this petition be waived.

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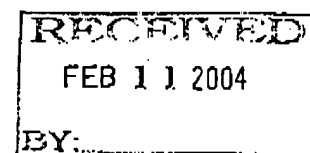
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